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SUBJECT: LEBANESE REQUEST FOR CONVOCATION JOINT ARAB DEFENSE  
COUNCIL

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1. KHALIL HADDAD OF FOREIGN MINISTRY, IN RESPONSE TO

OUR INQUIRY, STATES THAT FON MIN TAQLA HAS ASKED THAT WE BE INFORMED THAT GOL ADDRESSED LAST EVENING A REQUEST TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE ARAB LEAGUE, MAHMOUD RIAD, IN CAIRO TO CONVOKE THE ARAB LEAGUE JOINT DEFENSE COUNCIL TO CONSIDER TOGETHER CONTINUED ISRAELI AGGRESSION IN SOUTHERN LEBANON.

2. ACCORDING TO HADDAD, TAQLA WISHES US TO NOTE THAT THIS ACTION ON THE PART OF THE GOL RESULTED FROM RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY BOTH THE PARLIAMENTARY COMMISSION FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND THE PARLIAMENTARY COMMISSION FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND THE PARLIAMENTARY COMMISSION FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE. THE REQUEST IS A FOLLOW-UP OF THE JULY 3 MEETING OF THE COUNCIL IN CAIRO, WHICH WAS CONVOKED BY KUWAIT. DURING THIS MEETING IT WAS AGREED THAT SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS WOULD BE HELD AS REQUIRED. HADDAD EMPHASIZED THAT THE LEBANESE REQUEST DID NOT REPEAT NOT INDICATE WHEN OR WHERE THE COUNCIL SHOULD MEET, I.E., THERE WAS NO REPEAT NO NOTE OF URGENCY IN THE GOL'S REQUEST, CONTRARY TO THE IMPLICATIONS CARRIED IN THE LOCAL PRESS.

3. IN TRANSMITTING THIS INFORMATION HADDAD REFERRED TO MY CONVERSATION WITH TAQLA ON JANUARY 9 AND INDICATED THAT TAQLA ACQUIESCED TO RESOLUTIONS OF PARLIAMENTARY DEFENSE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEES IN ORDER TO DEFUSE THE LOCAL POLITICAL AGITATION FOR ACTION ON THE PART OF THE GOL. WHILE NOT REPEAT NOT STATING SO SPECIFICALLY, HADDAD GAVE ME CLEARLY TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE GOL WAS IN NO HURRY TO HAVE THE COUNCIL CONVENE. HE FURTHERMORE EMPHASIZED THAT THE MEETING SOUGHT BY THE LEBANON WAS BEING CAST AS A LOGICAL FOLLOW-UP TO THE JULY COUNCIL MEETING, AT WHICH TIME IT WILL BE RECALLED GOL WAS ABLE TO SIDESTEP PROPOSALS THAT ARAB FORCES BE SENT TO THE LEBANON AND PRESSURES FROM OTHER STATES TO DIRECT WHERE THE LEBANESE SHOULD SEEK WEAPONS.

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